



Great Basin Coordination Center

Evening Brief

Date/Time Stamp: **Monday, August 24, 2015 - 9:11 PM**

Weather Summary

Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms will develop again today over mainly the higher elevations of UT into the AZ Strip and spread north into WY and possibly isolated storms into far southeast ID, with thunderstorms producing some rainfall. There may be a few isolated showers overnight tonight or early Tuesday morning over parts of central/southern ID, but lightning chances remain low.

Dry weather and warming temperatures expected over the rest of NV/ID through today as the ridge of high pressure strengthens over the Inter Mountain West. Monsoonal moisture surges northward through Utah/southern and eastern Nevada on Tuesday and Wednesday for an increase in lightning coverage, but also a greater possibility of some wetting rains and higher RH.

Weak disturbances may move around the high pressure, ahead of low pressure off the west coast to bring **drier or mixed wet/dry thunderstorms to possibly parts of central/eastern NV and the central ID mountains on Tuesday, with lightning chances increasing Wednesday, and spreading north over northern NV/much of ID/WY by Thursday, with lightning/showers and some wetting rains ongoing most days across UT.** Weak showers or isolated thunderstorms may develop during the overnight hours Wednesday night/early Thursday morning over western/central/northern NV. This increase in thunderstorm activity will likely result in new initial attack across the region with a greater potential for large fires over ID and possibly NV. However, there are still uncertainties with the amount of lightning and how quickly moisture will spread north.

Winds will increase across the Great Basin later this week and through the weekend as the low pressure trough off the west coast moves east. Drier air moves into the southern Great Basin later in the week, however wetter weather may move into northern areas by the weekend. There is still low confidence on this moisture in the north.

Preparedness Levels

Current:

Great Basin	4
National	5

Great Basin Fire Activity: (Numbers gathered from Sit Report)

New Fires and Acres: 9 fires 4,811 acres

Light initial attack activity today. Although 2 new large fires did emerge on Salmon Challis NF, Elevenmile, and Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF, Sanatquin.

Resources:

Seeing resources released off local incidents, specifically engines, therefore seeing slight improvement in resource availability still at or below drawdown level.

Forest Service BLM application interface issues are being addressed at the National Level.

Great Basin Fire Potential Summary

Fire danger has been increasing region-wide with the warm and dry airmass in place, with the exception of UT which continues to see daily showers/thunderstorms. Fire Danger indices are higher now than they have been most of the summer across much of the Great Basin.



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The expected increase in lightning activity Tuesday through Thursday this week across portions of Nevada/western Utah and Idaho may be on the dry side initially or a mix of wet/dry and will likely result in new initial attack and potential large fire activity. In the meantime, IA will likely still occur across UT through this week as widely scattered thunderstorms continue.

Current Incident Details Todays Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. Of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
IRON	2015-IDBOD-001082	2	Not Contained	42.9237	115.6504	No
Amen	2015-UTCCD-000604	0.1	Contained 08/24/15	38.0435	113.6755	No
Bible Springs	2015-UTCCD-000603	0.5	Not Contained	38.0506	113.7031	No
Alpine	2015-UTNUC-000641	0.1	Not Contained	40.5145	111.7061	No
Elevenmile	2015-IDSCF-015218	200	Not Contained	44.4501	114.5688	No
Long Ridge	2015-UTSLD-000640	0.1	Controlled 08/24/15	40.0391	111.9578	No
Riverbend	2015-NVWNA-03063	1.5	Not Contained	39.8112	119.3486	No
Blackfoot River	2015-IDEIS-015016	0.1	Not Contained	42.8556	111.4881	No
KINGS RIVER FA	2015-NVWID-020165	0.1	Not Contained	41.75194	118.22194	No
Santaquin	2015-UTUWF-000639	300	Not Contained	39.9366	111.7651	No
Beaver Dam	2015-UTUWF-000637	0.1	Contained 08/24/15	39.8872	111.6579	No
HORNET	2015-IDBOD-001077	0.5	Not Contained	43.5783	116.052	No
Merz	2015-UTNWS-000635	0.1	Not Contained	41.0394	111.6974	No
Upper Box Creek	2015-UTFIF-005209	0.1	Contained 08/23/15	38.4804	112.0076	No

fires occurred overnight

Large/Emerging Fire Summary:

Great Basin Priority Summary Based on the Most Recent 209's																					
Date 8/24/2015 20:57																					
Priority	State	Unit	Incident	Suppression Strategy	Descriptive Location	Size	24 hr Change	%	Expected Contain	Complexity / IC	Crews Assigned		Helicopters Assigned			Critical Needs					Threats
								Contained	Date		T-1	T-2 or 2I/A	T-1	T-2	T-3	T-1	T-2 or 2I/A	T-1	T-2	T-3	
1	ID	SCF	Elevenmile	Full	15 miles W of Challis, ID	500	NEW	0	NR	Type 3 Swisher		1	1	1				T2 Team, 5 T1 IHC, 5 T2IA, T1 Helo's, T2 Helo's, AT's		Watershed, campgrounds, historic sites, recreation areas	
2	ID	PAF	Tepee Springs	60% Confine 40% Full	20 miles south of Riggins, ID	12,589	+1610	30%	10/15	Type 2 Demasters	5	9	1	2	2			8 IHC, 4 T2IA		Elk Creek Community 250 Residences Hwy 95 corridor	
3	UT	UWF	Santaquin	Full	0.25 miles E of Santaquin, UT	300	NEW	5%	8/27	Type 3 Vickers		1						Pending crew orders		175 mixed commercial/residential	
4	ID	SIS	Rapid	20% Confine 80% Full	12 miles SW of McCall, ID	4,004	+420	18%	9/2	Type 2 Dunford	3	9	1	3	1			2 T1 IHC's, 3 T2IA's, 2 T1 Helo, AA		39 Residences, Area Closures, Grazing allotments	
5	ID	SCF	Bobcat	Full	15 miles N of Salmon, ID	237	NC	61%	8/26	Type 2 Whalen	1	3			1					383 Residences, 31 MixCom/ 17 Outbuildings, Hwy 93	
6	ID	BOF	Cougar	42% Confine 58% Full	12 miles NE of Cascade, ID	914	+82	48%	8/25	Type 2 Rosenthal	5	3	1	1	1					Timber, structures w/in 2.5 miles, Road Closures	
7	ID	PAF	Campbells	Point	10 miles SE of Dixie, ID	8,000	+2000	0%	10/10	Type 3 Sawyer	1							IR flight/IRIN		Pvt. Holdings, Area Closure	
Notes of Significance																					

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For more detail, see [Great Basin 7-Day Fire Potential Outlook](#)

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)